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NEW MINERAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has held discussions with the Chief Ministers of Mineral rich States during December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details of various issues discussed.

(c) the extent to which consensus has been arrived at in the finalization of the New Mineral Policy.

(d) whether the Government proposes to remove bottlenecks in undue powers given to minerals producing states resulting in large scale corruption.

(e) the salient features and objectives of the new Mineral Policy; and

(f) the time by when the New Mineral Policy is likely to be finalized?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES(SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (f): A meeting was held by the Hon`ble Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of State Government of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh on 19.12.2007 at the request of the Chief Ministers, who had earlier also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on 31.12.2006. The various issues raised in the memorandum were discussed. The concerns of the Chief Ministers were heard. The National Mineral Policy is now under consideration of the Government.